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For: **TAUT MOORING SYSTEM FOR JACK-UP TYPE
MOBILE OFFSHORE PLATFORM**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action mailed March 27, 2001 the Examiner issued and Election/Restriction: Claims 1-41, drawn to a taut mooring system for a jack-up platform, classified in class 405, subclass 224; Claims 42-47, drawn to a method of expanding the safe working area of operation, increasing the maximum water depth limit, increasing the fatigue life, increasing the service life and increasing the severity of the environmental criteria, classified in class 73, subclass 780.

The undersigned, in a telephone conversation with Examiner Lagman, provisionally elected to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-41, drawn to a taut mooring system